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Kindly consider the following amendments and response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002. A two-month extension of time is requested. Reconsideration of the above-referenced case is also requested.